

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
REGION 7AA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday September 27th, 2023 10:00 AM (Hinckley)

Members Present: Andy Richardson, Nate Rudolph, Sara Weis, Shawn Roed, Paul Riess, Dan Bittman, Darin Illikainen, Steve Gibbs, Mark Schroeder, Will Seykora

Members Absent: Glenn Morehouse Olson, Tom Tusken

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Roed

The following business was conducted.

1. Proposed agenda was accepted

- **Motion to approve**
 - **Rudolph, second Bittman. Motion Passed 10-0**

2. July 12th, 2023 Minutes were approved.

- **Motion to approve**
 - **Illikainen, second Roed. Motion Passed 10-0**

3. Public Comments

- None

4. Board of Directors Update - Gary Revenig

- Boys Volleyball Sub Committee still meeting to determine season details

5. Treasurer's Report.

- Itemized Category report was presented.
 - Year End balances for 7-31-23 were available
 - Also listed account activity from 8-1-23 to present
 - Profit/Loss In/Out explanation
 - Year to Year Category Comparison report was shared
- **Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report**
 - **Motion Bittman, second Weis. Motion Passed 10-0**

6. Executive Secretary Report

- September Agenda was shared
 - Nothing of concern for Region 7AA.

7. Region Handbook Modifications

- Appendix M Discussion
- Fall Tournament Dates/Locations/etc...
- **Motion to Approve Fall Tournaments**
 - **Motion Schroeder, second Gibbs. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Winter Tournament Dates/Locations/etc

- Discuss 7AAA Boys/Girls Basketball locations
- Coordinators recommend neutral site finals in duluth/cloquet area
- All other games home site high seed
- Coaches vote favored this for both boys and girls
- **Motion to Approve Winter Tournaments**
 - **Motion Bittman, second Weis. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Spring Tournament Dates/Locations/etc
 - Discuss possible new golf dates
 - New dates will avoid all graduation conflicts for athletes
 - Course approves dates (Not on weekend)
- **Motion to Approve Spring Tournaments**
 - **Motion Illikainen, second Schroeder. Motion Passed 10-0**
- Fine Arts Dates/Locations/etc...
 - Music coordinators finalizing dates and places
 - Visual Arts not scheduled due to lack of interest in school advisors
- **Motion to Approve Fine Arts Tournaments**
 - **Motion Bittman, second Seykora. Motion Passed 10-0**

8. TV or Web Live

- All contracts are current
- WDIO request to televise AND stream semi finals
 - Potential increase in revenue (Future)
 - Not much financial risk to region
 - Increase in visibility for our athletes/tournament
- **Motion to Approve**
 - **Motion Bittman, second Richardson. Motion Passed 10-0**

9. Audit Review and Excess Fund Distribution

- Audit will be finished by November
- Distribution will be over \$6000 per school and will be delivered by the deadline in November.
- Committee votes to return equal shares again next year
- **Motion to Approve Equal Shares**
 - **Motion Rudolph, second Illikainen. Motion Passed 10-0**

10. AAA Awards Info

- Secretary Lenarz will email application forms to AD's when available
 - It is also available on the mshsl website
- Sec Lenarz will again ask about the possibility of this form being available in Google Docs because thats what the majority of students have access to.

11. Spring Advisory Recommendations

- Softball - Committee DOES NOT SUPPORT proposed change (10-0 against)
 - Significant increase in cost for teams

- Hotels are already hard to come by
- Teams that lose will go home
- Extra days will increase graduation conflicts
 - **Motion Bittman, Second Weis Motion to not support Passed 10-0**
- Speech - Committee SUPPORTS all three proposed changes (10-0 in favor)
 - Coaches are in favor
 - **Motion Bittman, Second Rudolph Motion to support Passed 10-0**
- Track - AD's SUPPORT both proposed changes (10-0 in favor)
 - Coaches like it
 - Gives some extra time to runners to recover
 - Change to standards gives more opportunity
 - This is how swim does standards...seems to work well
 - **Motion Richardson, Second Weis Motion to support Passed 10-0**

12. 2023-2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 7AA Committee Meetings
 - Wednesday September 27th, 2023 (Hinckley - Tobies)
 - Wednesday January 17th, 2024 (Zoom)
 - Wednesday May 1st, 2024 (Duluth - Buffalo House)
 - Wednesday July 17th, 2024 (Zoom)

Adjournment: 11:20 AM

- **Motion Weis, Second Schroeder. Passed 10-0**